

REMARKS

This response is in reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated October 4, 2004. The applicants are appreciative of the Examiner's removal of the prior finality of the Office Action, as well as the indication of allowable subject matter.

The drawings and disclosure are objected to, as the Examiner indicates that it is not clear how the plastic bodies can be fixed in a predetermined relative position and how the plastic bodies can be movable perpendicularly to the circuit board surface independently of each other at the same time.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner that the specification and drawings fail to teach such ability. For example, Figures 3 and 4 show this ability in great detail. In particular, Figure 3 is a cross sectional view which shows one of the plastic bodies (K1-K5) and shows one of the grooves 14 extending in a perpendicular sense. Figure 4 shows a bottom plan view of the same connector with plastic bodies (K1-K5) in a bottom plan view. Ribs are also shown in an end view, received in groove 14.

It should be clear to one of ordinary skill in the art that the plastic bodies (K1-K5), which hold the terminals 12, are fixed in position in a side-to-side manner by way of the plastic body material between each of the plastic bodies (K1-K5), (which include the ribs), yet at the same time, the plastic bodies (K1-K5) are independently movable in a vertical sense (Figure 3) by way of the ribs which engage in the grooves 14 in the plastic bodies (K1-K5).

This is also explained on page 10, lines 330-347.

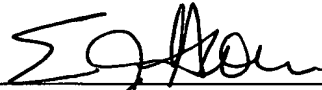
Thus, applicants believe that it is clear how the terminals are fixed in their matrix for connection to a printed circuit board, as the terminals 12 are fixed, as shown in Figure 4 in the lateral sense, but are movable along their groove 14 in the vertical sense, as shown in Figure 3.

For all reasons mentioned above, applicants believe that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request early passage of pending claims 1 through 20.

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